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**CLAIM LISTING**

1. (Currently Amended) A sleeping bag, comprising:  
a cinch mechanism for maintaining the sleeping bag in a rolled configuration, the cinch mechanism comprising:  
an elongate flexible material connected to the sleeping bag and configured so as to form a loop;  
a cord connected to the sleeping bag and that is a separate element independent of the elongate flexible material; and  
a clasp attached to the cord;  
wherein the loop, the cord, and the clasp are arranged and configured such that, when the sleeping bag is rolled, the elongate flexible material wraps around the sleeping bag, the cord is extended through the loop, and the clasp is attached to a portion of the cord so as to hold the elongate flexible material and the cord in place, and wherein pulling on the clasp relative to the loop prior to attaching the clasp to the portion of the cord pulls at connection points for the cord and elongate flexible material and thereby tightens the roll of the sleeping bag.
2. (Previously Presented) The sleeping bag of claim 1, wherein the elongate flexible material is connected directly to and extends from a foot of the sleeping bag.
3. (Previously Presented) The sleeping bag of claim 2, wherein the cord is connected directly to and extends from the foot of the sleeping bag.
4. (Previously Presented) The sleeping bag of claim 1, wherein the cord is connected directly to and extends from a foot of the sleeping bag.
5. (Previously Presented) The sleeping bag of claim 1, wherein, when the sleeping bag is folded lengthwise, the elongate flexible material is connected directly to and extends from a bottom half of the sleeping bag.

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6. (Previously Presented) The sleeping bag of claim 5, wherein, when the sleeping bag is folded lengthwise, the cord is connected directly to and extends from a top half of the sleeping bag.

7. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 1, wherein the clasp comprises an opening for hooking onto a portion of the cord that extends against an outer surface of the sleeping bag.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The sleeping bag of claim 7, wherein~~  
A sleeping bag, comprising:  
a cinch mechanism for maintaining the sleeping bag in a rolled configuration, the cinch  
mechanism comprising:  
an elongate flexible material connected to the sleeping bag and configured so as to form a  
loop;  
a cord connected to the sleeping bag; and  
a clasp attached to the cord, the clasp comprises comprising two openings for hooking  
onto a portion of the cord that extends against an outer surface of the sleeping bag;  
wherein the loop, the cord, and the clasp are arranged and configured such that, when the  
sleeping bag is rolled, the elongate flexible material wraps around the sleeping bag, the cord is  
extended through the loop, and the clasp is attached to a portion of the cord so as to hold the  
elongate flexible material and the cord in place, and wherein pulling on the clasp relative to the  
loop prior to attaching the clasp to the portion of the cord pulls at connection points for the cord  
and elongate flexible material and thereby tightens the roll of the sleeping bag.

9. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 8, wherein the two openings are located on opposite sides of the clasp.

10. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 8, wherein the two openings are located on the same side of the clasp.

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11. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 7, wherein the clasp is configured to fit a hand of a user.

12. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 11, wherein the clasp includes a narrowed portion for attaching to the cord and for grasping with a hand, and a thickened portion including the opening

13. (Previously Presented) The sleeping bag of claim 1, wherein the loop comprises two connections of the elongate flexible material to outer portions of the sleeping bag when the sleeping bag is rolled, the loop being formed by the elongate flexible material between the two connections.

14. (Currently Amended) A sleeping bag rolled into a roll, comprising:  
an elongate flexible material connected to the sleeping bag and configured so as to form a loop, the loop extending in one direction around the roll; and  
a cord connected to the sleeping bag and extending in an opposite direction around the roll and that is a separate element independent of the elongate flexible material, the cord being  
and-removably attached to the loop for maintaining the sleeping bag in the roll, and wherein  
pulling on the cord relative to the loop pulls at connection points for the cord and elongate flexible material and thereby tightens the roll of the sleeping bag.

15. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 14, further comprising a clasp that is utilized to attach the cord to the loop.

16. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 15, wherein the clasp is connected to the cord.

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17. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 16, wherein the cord extends through the loop and the clasp is attached to a portion of the cord extending along an outside of the rolled sleeping bag.

18. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 17, wherein the clasp comprises an opening for hooking onto the portion of the cord.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The sleeping bag of claim 18,~~  
A sleeping bag rolled into a roll, comprising:  
an elongate flexible material connected to the sleeping bag and configured so as to form a loop, the loop extending in one direction around the roll;  
a cord connected to the sleeping bag and extending in an opposite direction around the roll and removably attached to the loop for maintaining the sleeping bag in the roll, and wherein pulling on the cord relative to the loop pulls at connection points for the cord and elongate flexible material and thereby tightens the roll of the sleeping bag; and  
a clasp connected to the cord and for removably attaching the cord to the elongate flexible material, the clasp wherein the clasp comprises comprising two openings for hooking onto the a portion of the cord.

20. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 19, wherein the two openings are located on opposite sides of the clasp.

21. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 19, wherein the two openings are located on the same side of the clasp.

22. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 18, wherein the clasp is configured to fit a hand of a user.

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23. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 22, wherein the clasp includes a narrowed portion for attaching to the cord and for grasping with a hand, and a thickened portion including the opening.

24. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 14, wherein the cord extends through the loop and is attached to itself.

25. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 24, wherein the cord is attached to a portion of the cord extending along an outside of the rolled sleeping bag.

26. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 24, wherein the cord is attached to itself by tying.

27. Cancelled

28. (Previously Presented) The sleeping bag of claim 13, wherein the cord is connected to the sleeping bag between the two connections.

29. (Previously Presented) The sleeping bag of claim 14, wherein the loop comprises two connections of the elongate flexible material to outer portions of the sleeping bag when the sleeping bag is rolled, the connections forming the loop therebetween.

30. (Previously Presented) The sleeping bag of claim 29, wherein the cord is connected to the sleeping bag between the two connections.

31. (Previously Presented) A method of storing a sleeping bag, comprising:  
rolling the sleeping bag into a roll;

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extending a first end of a cord through a loop, the cord being connected directly to the sleeping bag, and the loop being formed out of an elongate flexible material connected directly to the sleeping bag;

pulling the cord so as to tighten the cord and the elongate flexible material against the roll; and

attaching the end of the cord to another position on the cord.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the another position is variable depending upon how tight the roll is formed.